

45. An optical apparatus according to Claim 34,
wherein said medium is acrylic resin or glass.

46. An optical apparatus according to Claim 35,
wherein said medium is acrylic resin or glass.

47. An optical apparatus according to Claim 36,
wherein said medium is acrylic resin or glass.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 11 through 47 are pending, with Claims 11, 17, and 23 being independent. Claims 11, 17, and 23 have been amended. Claims 37 through 47 have been added.

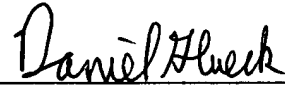
Applicants gratefully wish to thank the Examiner for extending the courtesy of granting and conducting on December 5, 2000, a telephonic interview. At the interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, which is respectfully traversed, as well as proposed amendments to the claims. It was agreed that the proposed amendments would obviate the rejection, and the claims have been so amended.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims

discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

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